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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE/ON-THE-RECORD PRESENTATION IN CASS COUNTY TELEPHONE EARNINGS INVESTIGATION CASE

Jefferson City (March 30, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has established the deadline for those wishing to intervene and participate in an earnings investigation case involving the Cass County Telephone Company.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 5, 2004**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: W.R. England III and Sondra B. Morgan, Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission.

On February 5, 2004, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel and Cass County Telephone Company filed an agreement which purports to resolve the PSC Staff's investigation into the Cass County Telephone Company's earnings by reducing the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$320,000. The agreement calls for a reduction in the access rates that long distance carriers pay to the Cass County Telephone Company for access to their network to complete a long distance call. In addition, the agreement calls for a reduction in the monthly Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) plan rate for subscribing customers in Tier 4 and Tier 5 exchanges. The residential rate for Tier 4 subscribing customers would be reduced from \$21.55 a month to \$20.00 a month under the agreement. In Tier 5 exchanges, the residential rate for subscribing customers would drop from \$32.50 a month to \$28.27 a month. The agreement also reduces rates for certain services used in the provisioning of 911 service.

The Commission will hold an on-the-record presentation starting at 9:30 am on May 5, 2004, to receive additional information from various parties regarding the proposed agreement in this case.

The on-the-record presentation will be held in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. This on-the-record presentation will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this on-the-record presentation, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the on-the-record presentation.

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